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STLP STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SET FOR MAY 11

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The 5th annual Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) State Championship is set for Tuesday, May 11, at the Lexington Convention Center and Rupp Arena.

The championship is open to the public from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. ET. The annual STLP State Championship awards program begins at 6 p.m. ET in Rupp Arena.

This year, Philippe Cousteau, Discovery Education's chief spokesperson for Environmental Education and the grandson of famed explorer Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, will visit the event and participate in the closing ceremony to personally recognize the educator responsible for streaming the five-millionth KET EncycloMedia video. Cousteau will be in Lexington that day to visit Fayette County's Edythe J. Hayes Middle School, where he will talk to educators and students about his personal experiences and encourage their interest in science and environmental education.

The STLP State Championship allows students from across the state to come together and demonstrate for other students, school and community members what they know and can do with technology. Students will display and discuss projects and services that have impacted their schools or communities. Student products in animation, digital citizenship, art, music, video and writing will be on display. Students also will compete in live performances in multiple technology categories.

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There will be approximately 2,500 Kentucky students competing in this event. Schools have identified their best student technology products to bring for judging. Many students also have signed up to compete in a variety of technology areas and will be judged live for those performances.

The best presentations and projects from the eight fall regional STLP competitions will be competing, and the champions of each of the eight regions will compete for one of the three BEST in Kentucky booths at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) at Denver, Colorado in late June 2010.

During the state championship, students can network with other students and adults, visit activities provided by sponsors, explore showcase projects and get ideas for school websites, newscasts and other media.

The Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) which was selected as a 2009 “Best of Kentucky” award winner by the Commonwealth Office of Technology, was established in 1994 by the STLP State Advisory Council. Through STLP, student-designed projects, products and services are created to help schools and communities. The program is open to all students in all grade levels in every school in Kentucky. Benefits of STLP include:

- Students gain technology, communication, leadership and teaming skills; schools' technical needs are met; and communities benefit from the projects.
- Other members of the school and community are able to integrate and use technology in and out of the classroom as a result of training by students.
- The technical support needed to maintain the technology in many schools and districts is provided by STLs.
- Students who don't thrive in conventional classrooms often begin to flourish in an STLP environment.